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Fwd: Problems in my neighborhood

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From: **John Glazar** <good2haveinajam@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Problems in my neighborhood
To: "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>

Mr. O'Farrell;

I live in the building at 346 N. Vermont Avenue, and I remember the meeting you set up with my building awhile back as you were gaining this office. The "Homeless Cops" crew came and many tenants in my 80 unit building were there for the talk.

Sir, the homeless problem here is worse than ever. The vacant bulding across the street from me has caught fire several times, as the homeless set up camp inside and start fires. A large portion of that derelict building is now burnt through, and the sun shines into the top floor, with all the windows broken out. This building is right next to the Vermont/Beverly Metro station. I

would point out that three days before the big fire I called LAPD front desk and reported that there was no front door on that building, it had been ripped off and people were coming and going through the building. Lot of good my call did, huh?

But, out my west facing window I see at least fifteen tents up the sidewalk on Oakwood, the street that feeds onto the 101 freeway on ramp. That block is a gigantic trash heap, and the people in those tents walk all over Oakwood like it was an open plaza, paying no attention whatsoever to the traffic on the street trying to get on the freeway. Meanwhile the blocks behind my building are lined also with tents and heaps of garbage, not to mention the drugs and crime and car break-ins. I saw a man standing on the sidewalk in front of the Ron Hubbard building shooting up one night, standing on the sidewalk on Vermont Avenue with his sleeve rolled up, holding the syringe and injecting drugs.

I LIVE HERE!!! My rent just went up again, and this neighborhood has become utterly disgusting, unhealthy and unsafe.
I sympathize and understand that these people are people. I cannot do anything to help them, as a private citizen living on a Disability income. But to allow them all to live out there, with none of the amenities of a housed person they inflict all their problems on the neighborhood, including mental illness and crimes.

I hope your office can look into this. Ironically, there is a PACE building two blocks east of here, and the streets surrounding are all lined with filthy tents and garbage.

John Glazar

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With kind regards,

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Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org> Thu, May 10, 2018 at 4:59 PM
To: good2haveinajam@yahoo.com

Hi John,

My name is Juan Fregoso, Field Deputy for Councilmember O'Farrell here in Rampart. He asked that I follow up on your email. I was at the meeting with the LAPD Hope Team. I understand the tents are still there but we have been working with Sanitation to get additional resources please PATH has been working to keep some of the trash in order.

The homeless situation throughout the City is the number one issue we are working on. I will work on getting this area

scheduled for another clean, but please keep reporting the encampment to 311. They have additional resources to help with clean ups.

We are looking at overall changes we can make to the area to help with the issue, but we are still working on identifying funding.

I would encourage you to join the Neighborhood watch meetings with some of your neighbors, the next meeting is in June. Please follow up with Brigid Kelly <BrigidK@epath.org> regarding more information about joining the Neighborhood watch and getting updates to what we are all working on.

If you want to schedule call to further discuss please send me some dates/times that work for you next week and I should be able to accommodate your schedule.

Thank you again for reaching out. I look forward to seeing you at the next Neighborhood Watch meeting.

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